

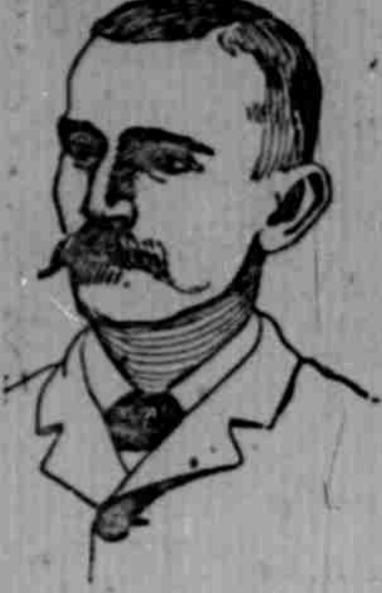
## CHATS BY THE WAY

Fred R. Shear a Successful County School Teacher.

## IS NOW DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

Deterioration of the Parks Through Inaction—Aberman Stein Appeals for Justice for Pecklers.

Fred R. Shear is one of the popular members of County Clerk Eddy's justly popular corps of assistants. Fred has not been in from the farm long enough to become a dupe, but he is none the less popular for it. He is a quiet spoken fellow, but very firm, and remains one of a first class country school teacher. Indeed Fred is proud of his record as teacher in the rural districts of Kent county, and few men holding certificates in Kent county have been more successful. Mr. Shear was born



FRED R. SHEAR.

in Park township and brought up on the farm, attending school winters until he was 17 years old when he secured a certificate and began teaching. This was in 1875. He continued teaching and studying several years and took a partial course in a business college. In 1881 he was married and the next year he moved to Cascade where he engaged in farming summers and teaching school winters. He continued in these occupations until last fall when he came to this city to reside. Mr. Shear is clerk in Judge Grove's side of the circuit court and can win the confidence of all with whom he has done business. He is an ardent republican and has always been a hard worker for the success of his party. He has never asked for office and never held one until appointed by Mr. Eddy last fall.

## Say It Is Deteriorating.

Residents in the ninth ward and in fact all of the twelve wards of the city are kicking over the appearance of John Ball park. Owing to the great cut made by the council in the park fund when the annual budget was made up it has been necessary to cut down expenses. At present there are but three men at work in John Ball park, and as a result the beautiful breathing spot is growing less beautiful rapidly instead of becoming more attractive, as should be the case. One ninth warden said it looked to him as if the aldermen of the ninth ward were not doing their duty in not looking more carefully after the interests of the park. He thought the present aldermen had done all they could to hurt John Ball park, as they had tried their best to have Fulton street extended through on the north line of the park. He hoped to see the time when as good a man as I. M. Turner would again represent his ward and be at the head of the park committee.

## Aberman Stein Says a Word.

I voted to give those three poor men, whom Joseph Houseman was interfering for, licenses to peddle on a pro-rata basis," said Aberman Stein a few days ago. "It seems to me the council is very inconsistent. I have been on the council a long time and I never heard an objection raised to giving a saloon man a license on a pro-rata basis. It is always done. It is a fair business proposition. Three months of the year is passed and if those men pay pro-rata for the balance of the year it is all they should be asked. I think it is wrong to force them into a position where the city must support them as paupers when the council has the power to give them a chance to make them self supporting."

## Would Give Them Work.

Aberman and Representative Anderson say he thinks the common council will not do right when it cuts the street improvement funds from \$40,000 to \$30,000. He is of the opinion that this year more than usual public works should be carried forward so that men who are thrown out of employment in their regular trades could get work from street contractors.

## COMMENCEMENT.

The Pretty Custom Observed by College Graduates Each Year.

Commencement is like spring in that it is now each year and that familiarity with it breeds only increased appreciation. It grows on the participant as his years accrue. It is a good day for the hopeful youths who graduate and march at the head of the line. It will seem good to them next year, when they come back after a 12 month separation and march with one another over their class pouch and presently get in line at the very tall end of the procession, so far off from the band that they can scarcely catch the music. But in 10 years' time, when they have moved up so places nearer to the band, they will find it doesn't still. Then it will have begun to assume its true properties, as the day of all the rest that brings back the youth that is already slipping from them, by taking them back to the scenes of their unattained adolescence and rubbing them up against the men who were young with them when they were young.

Life brings great pains to the different and the busy. To the average college graduate of 15 years standing it has brought a wife and children, a certain fondness in the world and a definite prospect of respectable achievement. But it is better at least than at any previous moment—it brings him *more* things, but it does not fit him out with fresh supplies of the treasures that he had. There is

only one of the men who were young when he was young, and it cannot be duplicated.

If he is wise, and the cockles round his heart do not get too stiff, he is very careful of that dwindling set of associates, and the fewer there are of them, and the more he realizes the impossibility of replacing them, the greater pains he takes to go back to commencement and take account of stock.

A strangely impressive spectacle is the forming of the line of graduates that marches to the commencement dinner of an old college. First comes the graduating class, then the alumni by classes in order of seniority. "Class of 1820" cries the marshal. Perhaps there is no response. "Class of 1821; Class of 1822; Class of 1823?" Presently, as his class is reached, the oldest graduate present steps out, a venerable man, perhaps the sole representative of his year, and takes his place amid the cheers of the spectators. Then for a dozen or a score of classes as the marshal calls the year one or two or four or five old men walk out, arm in arm, supporting one another's steps. Then as the last gets into the forties come gray haired men, but vigorous and not yet of the lean and slippered period. And then in larger companies the men of middle age and then the younger men, and finally a boisterous crowd 200 strong of lusty youth who cheer for "92." A marvelously vivid panorama of human life is the commencement procession from "Morituri salvantes" at one end to "Life let us cherish" at the other. Dull must be the spirit that is not stirred by it. And yet it is a cheering sight with all its pathos, so much good fellowship it shows and sympathy and joyous greeting when old companions meet. —Harper's Weekly.

## Mind Your Own Business.

An old custom once prevailed in a remote place of giving a clock to any one who would truthfully swear that he had minded his own business alone for a year and a day and had not meddled with his neighbors. Many came, but few, if any, gained the prize, which was more difficult to win than the Dunmow fitch of bacon. Though they swore on the four gospels and held out their hands in certain hope, some hatchet was sure to be found somewhere, and for all their assertions the clock remained stationary on the shelf, not having been connected with the orchestra at the Grand opera house. The reputation of the individual members make it certain that the new band will be second to no organization of like character in the state. New uniforms have been ordered and a fine appearance may be expected. The people will welcome the organizing of the "Grand Rapids City Band."

## HEAR A NEW BAND

The Organization is Now Fully Completed.

## "GRAND RAPIDS CITY BAND"

Is the Title by Which It Will Be Known.  
The Motives of the Organizers Commandable—Make Fine Music.

"Grand Rapids city band" is the title by which the latest musical organization of the city will be known. Prof. Peter J. Frank will be the leader of the band, and under his leadership we may expect more of the best musicians of the city may be expected to produce as much as the city has ever seen.

The motives of the organizers of this new band are worthy of commendation. The principal object being to retain in Grand Rapids the best musicians that reside within her limits. Mr. Walter Wilkins, who is well known to our theatergoers as one of the finest clarinet players that ever sat in a Grand Rapids orchestra, was recently obliged to move to Saginaw to obtain employment in his profession. With the organization of this new band he will return to the city. Messrs. James Toomer and Fred Seymour are two other fine musicians who recently moved away from Grand Rapids. Mr. Toomer will have a place in the new band and Mr. Seymour is now in Chautauqua, New York, but would very much like to return here.

The personal of the organization is as follows:

Cornets—Peter J. Frank, Orriel Bonney, Frank T. Cormany.

Clarionets—Walter Wilkins, Robert Henschel, Edward Harrington, Joseph Guthan, Sr., and Joseph Guthan, Jr.

Piccolos—Hubert Davis.

Trombones—Frank Millbank and Frank York.

Baritone—Jay Barrit.

Basses—Charles Jordan and Perry Wilsey.

Drums—Fred Lake and James Tooher.

Professor Frank is now leading Wurzburg's band, and is also very popular with theater-goers, having had charge of the orchestra at Powers' opera house last season, and before that was connected with the orchestra at the Grand opera house. The reputation of the individual members make it certain that the new band will be second to no organization of like character in the state.

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**They Are Going.**  
**Ladies' \$30 Shoes for \$20.**  
**EGAN Bros., 54 Canal street.**

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Leland park will have great crowds of people today. A grand double bill of athletic features and sensational acts will be given. Take steamers Belknap and Trixie at the pavilion docks.

Special sale of fine onyx tables, lamps, cabinets, pedestals. Morris's.

Look at Heyman Company's advertisement seen in another column of today's issue of THE HERALD.

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K. O. T. M. Party.

The general committee of arrangements will give a social hop next Tuesday evening, August 8, at North Park, its proceeds to go into its jubilee fund. All Macabees and friends are invited.

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K. O. T. M.

on Seven Islands.

Sunday, August 6, the K. O. T. M. societies of Grand Rapids will give an excursion to Grand Ledge and the popular resort Seven Islands, in Grand river. This is one of the many beautiful places in Michigan especially adapted for picnics and pleasure excursions, and is very popular with all who have had the good fortune to visit it. Two steamers will go up and down the river, and with the plentiful supply of small boats afford opportunities for pleasure in that line. Other means of enjoyment are also provided, and a day may be spent there very pleasantly. A good hotel on the grounds serves meals at reasonable rates. Special train will leave Grand Rapids at 3 p.m. and leave Grand Ledge returning at 8 p.m. Round trip, \$1.00.

**It Should Be in Every House.**

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Cold, that it cured his wife, who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber of Cooperstown, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery had done more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Trial bottle, 10 cents. Peck Bros., drug store. Large bottles, 50c and \$1.00.

**Electric Bitters.**

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, boils, Salt Eczema and other afflictions caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all systemic fevers. For cure of Headache, Constipation, &c.

**The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.**

The little tideland island opposite Skamokawa, Wash., the cranes have built their nests in the big cottonwood trees, and the cries of the young birds may be heard for quite a distance.

You have distress in the stomach after eating, or faintness, heartburn, headache, or other dyspeptic symptoms? Hood's Sarcastinia will tone up the system and prevent as well as cure the stomach.

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